

BAY ESTATE GAZETTE



Our School Newsletter

Parental Internet Safety Talk

The school has organised a parental internet safety talk run by Zeeko which will take place in the school on Tuesday evening the 23rd of May at 7pm. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend this safety talk which will give an insight into the dangers of the internet and how best to monitor your child's internet usage.



Sacramental News

Our 6th class pupils, made their Confirmation on Friday the 10th of March in the Holy Family Church. The pupils made a voluntary donation towards SOSAD & Cystic Fibrosis Ireland and raised €615 towards these two wonderful charities.

Our 2nd class pupils are preparing for their First Holy Communion which will take place in the Holy Family Church on Friday the 26th of March at 11:30am. We wish the children the very best in their upcoming ceremony.

Perpetual Cup Winners 2023

Our Perpetual Cup Winners 2023 were as follows:

Thomas Magee Memorial Cup - Layla
Gerard Judge Memorial Cup - Luke
Seán McCabe Memorial Cup - Fionn
Seán & Karen Craven Memorial Cup - Orlaith
Breda Ó hUallacháin Perpetual Cup - Dearbhla



Congratulations to all our winners and indeed to all who received a certificate of recognition for their entries.

Active Schools Week

Active schools' week is taking place this week. The pupils will engage with activities throughout the week including 'Run a Mile with a Smile', circuits, skipping and busy breaks. There will also be active homework for parents so you don't feel left out.



CLOTHING COLLECTION



Our recent clothing collection raised €913.50 for our school.

Thank you all for your kind donations. We will hold another clothing collection in the near future.

School Tours 2023



| <u>Class</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Venue</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Junior Infants | Tuesday 23 rd May | Newgrange Farm | €20.50 |
| Senior Infants | Tuesday 23 rd May | Newgrange Farm | €20.50 |
| 1 st Class | Thursday 8 th June | Rockfield House Kells | €32 |
| 2 nd Class | Tuesday 20 th June | GR8 | €25 |
| 3 rd Class | Friday 2 nd June | Let's Go | €36 |
| 4 th Class | Tuesday 16 th May | Cavan Crystal Maze | €30 |
| 5 th Class | Wednesday 17 th May | Cavan Crystal Maze | €30 |
| 6 th Class | Friday 9 th June | Carlingford Adventure Centre | €60 |

Please note that payments can be made in full or in instalments if you so wish for your child's school tour on Aladdin Connect.

Traffic Management

As you are all aware there is considerable traffic outside the school at peak school times (8:30am – 9am, 1:20pm – 1:40pm & 2:20pm – 2:45pm). To help alleviate the congestion we ask that all motorists adhere to a voluntary one way system at these times. We ask that you approach the school from the Avenue Road direction and proceed past the school via Willowdale. Please drive slowly and be mindful of children crossing the road. The safety of our children is paramount. **Please advise your child that they must walk on the footpath, they are not allowed to walk across the carpark.**

Please note parents are not permitted to drive into the carpark without prior permission to do so.

Once again we ask that you have consideration for local residents when you park outside the school.

Please do not block driveways or double park preventing the free flow of traffic through the estate.



Green Schools Committee

Our school is delighted and very proud to announce that we have been awarded our very first Green Schools Flag.

Congratulations to all involved, especially to our hard working Green Schools Committee. They are a credit to our school.



School Closures

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - School Closed

Wednesday 31st May - School closes at **12 Noon** to facilitate NCCA Primary Curriculum staff training.

Monday June 5th - Bank Holiday

Friday June 23rd - School Closes at **12 noon** for Summer Break



Junior Infants 2023 Information Evening

We will hold a Parental Information evening on Tuesday the 30th of May at 6pm for parents of our incoming Junior Infants 2023.

We look forward to welcoming our Junior Infants 2023 parents on the night.



Junior Infants 2023 Open Afternoon

We will hold an open afternoon for our incoming Junior Infants 2023 on Tuesday the 13th of June at 1:15pm. This will give our new Junior Infants the opportunity to see their new class and to meet their class teacher.

To facilitate the open afternoon Junior and Senior Infants will go home at 12 noon on this day.



Aldi Play Rugby Campaign

This year the school made a serious attempt at breaking the world record for the most Aldi stickers ever collected. In total, we filled 35 posters with an incredible 300 stickers in each. Thank you for all your efforts and fingers crossed for the big draw in May.





Sports in our School

The boys and girls of 5th and 6th participated in the F.A.I 5-a-side competition. Both teams represented the school exceptionally well with the girls qualifying for the County Finals.

Playing three games, the girls came agonisingly close to qualifying for the National Finals only to fall at the final hurdle.

The future is looking very bright for Scoil Mhuire na nGael football !! Well done to all.

History News

Our First and Second Classes recently had the wonderful opportunity to meet with archaeologist and ancient craft specialist Francesca Callaghan. Francesca brought many fascinating artefacts for the children to hold which helped them to imagine daily life for children from the past.

Our Third and Fourth Classes are looking forward to a visit by historian and collector Aidan Dockery this term, who has an extensive collection of memorabilia relating to Irish history. Aidan is also encouraging children from the school to bring in any significant artefacts from home to share during his visit so if you have a piece of history gathering dust in the attic (photos, utensils, clothing, medals, coins etc.) then we would be delighted to display it!



Art News

Creative Schools will take place during April and May. All the children will have the opportunity to work with professional artists and explore new creative techniques and processes.

Junior Infants can look forward to a sensory experience in paper making workshops with Tunde Toth from the Craft Council of Ireland. Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd classes will take part in print making workshop with Grainne Murphy who heads up the print studios at Creative Spark.

Our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes will take part in ceramic workshops with ceramic artist Cliona Geraghty. We can't wait to see all the amazing art work that they will create.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023

Bhí seachtain ar dóigh againn sa scoil i Mí an Mhárta ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023. We had a great week in March celebrating Irish Week 2023. The children participated in many fun activities over the week- Feis na Scoile/Poetry Feis, Cluichí Biongó/Bingo Games, Ceolchoirm na Scoile/School concert, Tóraíocht Taisce/Treasure Hunt. Bhí spórt agus spraoi againn ar an “Lá Glas” ag damhsa! We had great fun céilí dancing as part of our annual “Green Day” too. Bhí Gaeilge le chloisteáil timpeall na scoile i rith na seachtaine fosta. There was lots of Irish in use throughout the school during the week. A special word of thanks also to our Comhairle na ndaltaí/student council who worked diligently during the week to ensure everyone had a great time. Maith sibh a pháistí.



Feis Mhuirtheimhne 2023



Best wishes to our school quiz team who will participate in the annual Feis Mhuirtheimhne quiz in the Friary hall on Thursday the 11th of May. Students from each class will also represent the school at the Feis Mhuirtheimhne Poetry Feis on Sunday the 14th of May. Go n-éirí libh go léir.

Daffodil Challenge 2023

We raised €275 on selling our daffodils that were planted at the beginning of the school year. Thank you to all who purchased daffodils and helped this worthy charity.

